

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
FIFTIETH MEETING, 2025 SESSION (50)  
DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors met in special session on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. in the Boardroom with Chairman Merten presiding and the following other members present Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder, and with Election Deputy Karla Ahrendsen as clerk for the meeting. Absent: None.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Nays: none. Abstentions: none.

Motion by Snyder, second by Hartman, to **amend today's agenda**, adding two action items, signing off on the BV Blizzard Busters request to use county right-of-way for the snowmobile route and Public Health's request for a letter to be signed stating that the county is fiscal and legally responsible for them as part of the Medicare approval process. Carried.

Motion by Snyder, second by Ringgenberg, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **gravel/stockpile lease** for the McKay stockpile beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028, in the amount of \$125 annually. Carried.

Motion by Hartman, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign off on the DOT form to allow **Buena Vista Blizzard Busters** to use county right-of-way for their snowmobile trails. Carried.

**Secondary Roads Report**: Wilkinson gave a brief update on the department stating that for the most part everyone was just dealing with the clean up from the last storm. Plows were out Saturday and Sunday cleaning up and will continue as needed. He did say that they would still work on small trees and brush in the ditches if it could be reached without anyone going into the ditch. He said that contractors finished up on 80<sup>th</sup> for the season and that he had no new information from the DOT with regards to Phase 3.

Public Health Administrator Tracy Gotto informed the Board that he is working on credentialing for Public Health with Medicare. This is required every time a new director takes over. Gotto stated that one of the requirements for Medicare is to have the Board Chair sign a letter stating that the Board is legally and financially responsible. Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Legal and Financial Responsibility letter for Medicare, as it is needed for the **credentialing process** for Public Health. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Abstention: Merten. Carried.

Chairman Merten asked if there was anyone online that wished to be heard during **Hear the Public** and there was none.

Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the **Management and Title Transfer Agreement for the Storm Lake Marina**. Carried.

County Attorney Paul Allen was present for his appointments. Motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to go into **closed session** (at 9:06 A.M.) under Chapter 21.5(1)(c) of the 2025 Code of Iowa, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes: Croker, Hartman, Merten, Ringgenberg, Snyder. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to go out of **closed session** at 10:59 A.M. Carried.

Environmental Health/Zoning Administrator Ben Mueggenberg presented information on a Minor S/D request of Mark & Pamela Caboth in the NE NE Section 26-91-38. Motion by Hartman, second by Croker, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign **Resolution #2025-12-09-A**. Carried.

**RESOLUTION # 2025-12-09-A**

**WHEREAS** Mark & Pamela Caboth have presented a preliminary and final plat (of survey) on the following described property:

**DESCRIPTION LOT A OF LOT THREE**

**A PART OF LOT THREE OF THE AUDITOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 91 NORTH, RANGE 38 WEST OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> P.M., BUENA VISTA COUNTY, IOWA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 26; thence South 00° 28' 34" West (assumed bearing) on the east line of said Northeast Quarter, 295.90 feet to the Southeast Corner of Mummert's Addition in said Lot Three, which appears of record as document number 973637 in the office of the Buena Vista County Recorder, also being the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 00° 28' 34" West, on said east line, 182.05 feet; thence North 89° 37' 36" West, 657.38 feet to the west line of said Lot Three; thence North 00° 36' 47" East, on said west line, 179.42 feet to the Southwest Corner of said Mummert's Addition; thence South 89° 51' 23" East on the south line of said Mummert's Addition, 656.95 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Tract contains 2.73 acres and is subject to all easements of record.

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**WHEREAS**, the final plats meet with the approval of the Board subject only to the following if any: **None**.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buena Vista County, Iowa Board of Supervisors that:**

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is hereby accepted subject to the following if any; **None.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be affixed to the final plat of:**

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and copies of said final plats shall be of record in the appropriate County offices.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December 2025.

/s/ Paul Merten, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors...../s/ Karla Ahrendsen, Elections Deputy

Motion by Ringgenberg, second by Snyder, to approve the minutes from 12/02/2025 as presented, and accept the following reports: December 2025 Safety Meeting Minutes, September 2025 Board of Health Minutes, November 2025 Board of Health Minutes, and November 2025 Sheriff Report. Carried.

There being no further business, motion by Croker, second by Ringgenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. until Tuesday, December 16 at 8:30 a.m. for a regular session. Carried.